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Is begun to be Opened,

(The Waters being ſomewhat abated)

Which with ſome Papers and Paſſages,
given forth by the *Lord's*
Servants, I am thus
to Publiſh,

Who am made a Living Witneſs of the Spirits teaching; which Worſhip is ſo *Pure*, that I may not endeavour to gather any Proſelites thereto; yet am freely given up to ſerve all, or any, *that truly fear the LORD.*

John Pennyman.

Behold, they of the Houſe of Iſrael ſay, The Viſion that he ſeeth, is for many dayes to come, and he propheſieth of the times that are far off: Therefore thus ſaith the LORD GOD, There ſhall none of my Words be prolonged any more; but the Word which I have ſpoken ſhall be done, ſaith the LORD GOD.

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Several being deſirous that I ſhould Print ſomething concerning my late Marriage, (which was publiſhed the 24th of the Month call'd October, 1671.) *Which day, though 'twas a day of ſcorn and reproach, yet I do ſay, Many ſhall bleſs the Lord becauſe thereof: So that it is now with mee, for their ſakes, and for the ſake of all the honeſt-hearted, to write a ſhort Account of ſome Paſſages concerning it.*

THE LORD having required mee to take one call'd *Mary Boreman* to be my Wife, it was with me to have it made publick, and to that end I deſired a Meeting-place of the People called *Quakers*; and the rather I did deſire it, becauſe I had an intereſt therein: But they not admitting mee that liberty, I got leave for the uſe of *Merchant-Taylors-Hall*; which being granted, I then was to invite ſeveral ſorts of Profeſſors, and alſo was to provide Food for about 250 Perſons, (ſuppoſing about that number might be invited); The Food was to be all of one ſort, and ſo was the Drink, [*He that can read, let him underſtand*]: but what with the violent oppoſition of ſome of the People called *Quakers*, intruding themſelves, with ſeveral of the rude People, cauſed ſuch a diſturbance, that I had neither liberty to declare what I had then to publiſh, but alſo hindered my treating thoſe [ſo invited] with that civility and reſpect I intended. Yet what I declared there, as a Meſſage from the LORD, here follows.

OH People! my Bowels yearn, my Bowels yearn towards you, whoſe deſires in any meaſure are after the LORD: O that you would now (*I ſay, that you would now*) return with all your hearts unto Him, and obey the Voice of His Power in you; then ſhould you be made able to ſtand, and endure the fiery Tryal which is come and coming. Oh! the Day haſtens wherein all Profeſſion, that is not grounded in the Life and Power of the Lord Jeſus Chriſt (whatever the ſhew of it be) will be ſo ſhaken, that an utter (*I ſay, an utter*) blaſting and withering ſhall come upon it; and for that cauſe the LORD doth, and will yet ſuffer great Tryals (*yea, I ſay, great Tryals*) to come, both upon the Profeſſors and Poſſeſſors of his Name; that ſo his Children [the Poſſeſſors] may be manifeſted unto all, and diſcerned from all that are but Profeſſors, though never ſo fair and ſeemingly covered: for all Coverings, but what is of the Power and Spirit it ſelf, ſhall be too narrow; and all that are not covered with the Spirit and Power of *Emmanuel*, their ſhame and nakedneſs ſhall appear more and more.

This is the Teſtimony which the Spirit and Word of Truth giveth; therefore he that hath an ear to hear, let him hear, before the day of his Viſitation be wholly paſt, and the things belonging to his Peace be hid from his eyes: for yet a little while, and the voice ſhall be, *He that is filthy, let him be filthy ſtill*; for the Spirit of the Lord ſhall not alway ſtrive with fleſh, but his Plagues and Indignation ſhall be poured out upon ſuch as will not be gathered in the day of his Patience, Long-forbearance, and Free-love; and he or ſhe that loveth Father, Mother, Husband, Wife, Children, Houſe or Land, Liberty, Honour, or any thing more than the Life of the *Lamb*, ſhall be counted not worthy of Him, and plainly manifeſted ſo to be. Reade this who can; and he that can receive it, let him: for the time draweth nigh (*yea, I ſay, the time is come*) that theſe Sayings muſt be fulfilled.

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THE *Indignation*, the *Wrath* of the LAMB is come, Let all Fleſh tremble before HIM, yea let all faces gather paleneſs who are joyn'd to Iniquity either of Fleſh or Spirit; for the Day of their Torment, yea, I ſay, the Day of their Miſery, Vexation and Torment is come and coming, yet more to be revealed and made manifeſt: Wherefore I ſay again, and it is the *Word* of the LORD, That all Fleſh is but as graſs before Him, who is the MIGHTY, DREADFUL, TERRIBLE ONE; Yea, who is, and will be more manifeſted to be a Conſuming-Fire to all the Workers of Iniquity: My Charge is, to Warn you, yea to Alarm you, that whilſt it is called to Day, you harden not your hearts, but that you would repent, and turn unto the LORD, if by any means you may find a place of Repentance, before the Night come (which is haſtning on apace) wherein none can work: *The Mouth of the LORD hath ſpoken it.*

But as for you whoſe Hearts are chaſte, and intirely given up to ſerve the LORD, I am to proclaim, that the Year of *Jubile* is come, yea, the Time of your Deliverance, yea, I ſay, the Set-time of your Deliverance is come and coming, yet more to be reveal'd and made manifeſt. *Glory* and *Praiſe*, *Hallelujah* and *Thanks* be given to our GOD, who Liveth and Reigneth in all His Saints and ſanctified Ones, both as KING, PRIEST and PROPHET. *Glory* and *Praiſe* in the *higheſt* be given to HIM, from this time forth and for ever more. Amen, *Hallelujah.*

Subſcribed and Publiſhed by one of the leaſt of the Thouſands of Iſrael, *yet one of that Number whom the* LORD *hath* [*of His infinite Mercy*] *choſen to follow Him fully, and hath accounted Mee worthy to ſtand in the Gap, and to be a Living-Witneſs againſt All Unrighteouſneſs, yea I ſay, againſt All manner of Unrighteouſneſs. O let my Soul for ever Praiſe and Magnifie His Name, who Alone is Worthy, ſaith His Servant*

J. P.

After

After I had delivered the aforesaid Message, it was with mee to Read this following Paper; which my Wife had writ above a year agoe, concerning her leaving the City.

Friends and People,

IT's in my heart to give satisfaction to all that have known mee, how it is with mee as to the leaving this City. The LORD having been with mee miraculously these eight years (since the death of my dear Husband) and carried mee through many deep sorrows, in which time Hee brought mee near unto Himself, for which my Soul doth truly bless His most holy Name; and by His Heavenly Power Hee hath also kept mee from the very temptation of being greedy of Gain; I have neither wronged nor defrauded any Creature, either in Buying or Selling, that I know of, but have sought their good even as my own; and now, I say, the same GOD that hath thus preserved mee in this place, hath put it into my heart to depart from hence; the cause thereof is not yet made known unto mee, but feeling His good Spirit leading mee forth, (not knowing what my Service may be for Him elsewhere) I dare not to say, as *Pharaoh* did, *Who is the LORD that I should obey Him?* Neither am I to reason, or consult with flesh and blood about it, because I know Him to be a GOD of Power, by whom all Actions are weighed: So let none blame mee, as to my Children, for as the care of a tender Mother hath been in mee for them, so it remains, and must be so to the end of my dayes, being assured that their Father's GOD will be with them, and His Blessing shall rest upon us for ever more, even His Blessing who hath chosen mee to follow Him fully; and I may not thus requite Him who hath blessed mee with a great Trade and plenty (as to the outward) even what can be desired, as to make it the cause of my disobedience to Him, and so to have my heart set upon it, as not willingly to leave it when Hee calls from it.

Oh my Father! Thy Presence with mee is the onely thing desired by mee; having that, it's enough; and, as Thou hast given, even so take away as Thou pleasest. A certain Faith is in mee, that not one Hair of my Head shall perish without His Providence, Who ruleth all Things according to the Counsel of His own Will; So that neither I, nor mine shall ever want.

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Then let none take thought, for it never added any thing to mee; but let all your minds be turned inward, and in the Dread and Fear of the LORD look not out. It's but a little time, and wee are all passing out of this World; Oh! let all watch, that Their dayes be not ended before Their Work be finished for which They came into the World. I know it was not to be heaping up perishing Riches all our dayes; but the PEARL of greatest Price being found, they that know the Excellency and Vertue of it, can willingly sell all to purchase it: for all *outward glory*, I am to declare, shall more and more be stain'd, and the *Glory within* more fully reveal'd to all that love the LORD in sincerity.

The Treasures of this World let them take that seek after them, for indeed my Kingdom is not of it, neither is my delight in any thing but to feel the LORD near unto mee, to guide mee in all my wayes, whose Voice, His own Sheep do know, and cannot follow any other; all perishing things are under Their feet; the Mystery of *Everlasting Life* being reveal'd, is more to them than all.

This let all know, that I leave not my Trade in my own Will, nor in a Temptation, nor in an Imagination, nor in slighting the LORD'S Mercy to mee therein, neither Their love, into whose hearts the LORD put it to trade with mee; but in *pure obedience* to the Leadings of His own Spirit of Life, made manifest in my mortal Body: and good have I found it for mee to be kept in the *Cross*, which is now freely taken up by mee, because Hee hath of His infinite Love and Mercy joyn'd my Soul unto HIMSELF in an *everlasting Covenant*, that no mortal Thing can break; Bless the LORD all you that know the same.

And this is in my heart to desire, That the LORD may shew mercy to all that have shewed mercy to mee; and where any hard-heartedness hath been, it may be forgiven.

And so in the *love*, and *good-will*, and *peace* of my Heavenly Father, and in His *meek*, *pure*, and *quiet Spirit* I am to leave you, and could, if it were required of mee, even lay down my Life for the Righteous Seed's sake in all, that It might Reign and Rule, which can onely glorifie the LORD.

M. B.

24th of the month called *September*, 70.

Ezek. 12. 2, 3.

After

After I had read the foregoing Paper, ſome of the People called Quakers, (for all call'd by that name I may not ſpeak againſt, there being a Remnant amongſt them whoſe hearts are upright to the LORD, and in whom He will yet be glorified) *who though they had interrupted mee before, yet now began to be ſo violent, in their rage and oppoſition, that I could not proceed ſo as to be underſtood by the People, which cauſed much crowding; ſo that I was deſired to withdraw, which accordingly I did, deſiring all to depart that were not thither invited. Since which time I have been ſilent in Publiſhing any thing that in the leaſt might vindicate our Reputations from the many Lies and Aſpertions caſt upon us concerning that Matter; neither is it my deſire at preſent ſo much as to mind or meddle with them; but as to that love which wee then had, and ſtill have, to* Them, *and unto* all People, *I cannot but here mention, and am willing to Print this following (it being ſuteable to the preſent Occaſion) which I writ to one above a Year agoe.*

Dear Friend, &c.

THE Word of the LORD hath not been, nor ſhall be publiſhed in vain, *viz.* [*That many that have been firſt ſhall be laſt, and many that are laſt ſhall be firſt*]: At which many are offended; yea, I know it's that, and that chiefly, at which many, call'd my Friends, are ſo much offended with mee: but bleſſed are they that are not offended in Him, whoſe Servant I am, and whoſe Will I have done, and Who hath rewarded me a thouſand, yea, I can truly ſay, a thouſand fold, Bleſſed and Praiſed be, yea, let all the upright in heart bleſs and praiſe His Holy Name, from this time forth, and for evermore. *Hallelujah.*

O go not forth, but keep ſtill and low, and wait in the ſtilneſs,

neſs, till thou beeſt endowed with Power from on High, and enabled to come forth in the Authority of the Moſt High, to level the Mountains that ſtand in the way of our ZERUBBABEL from building this latter Houſe, which Glory ſhall far tranſcend the Glory of the former; O! haſten, haſten, tarry not, my BELOVED calls, the *Marriage-Supper* is prepared, and His Table well-furniſhed, and many are invited; but excuſes are ſo many, that few are come: but my LORD will have His Table fill'd, and to that end will ſend to invite the Blind and the Lame, yea, *the Hedges* and *High-wayes* muſt be ſought out: Bleſſed are they, and they only, that are accounted worthy, for they ſhall eat the good of the *Land*, yea, they ſhall be filled; yea, I ſay, their Cup ſhall overflow, and of their Joy and Peace, Comfort and Conſolation, there ſhall be no end. *Praiſes in the Higheſt be to our GOD for ever and for evermore.*

18th of the month call'd *Auguſt*, 70.

J. P.

Theſe are ſome of the Meſſages which the LORD required mee to deliver at ſeveral of the Meetings of the People call'd *Quakers*, viz.

I *Am to proclaim the* Day *of the LORD, which is come to gather the Outcaſts, and to cleanſe the* Camp *of Evil-doers.*

The Life *of the LAMB is riſen, whoſe* Spouſe *was, is, and muſt be chaſt unto Him, without ſpot, wrinkle, or any ſuch thing.*

The Fear, I ſay, the Fear of the LORD keeps the heart clean; for it's only the Clean *and* Pure *in heart that can ſee GOD.*

Many, I ſay, many have been called, yet few have followed the LORD fully.

The Wiſdom, I ſay, the Wiſdom of the JUST is riſen, to confound the Wiſdom of the Wiſe.

I am a Meſſenger of glad Tydings to all that are of an upright heart to the LORD — I ſay, I am not only a Meſſenger of glad-Tydings to all that are of an upright and ſingle heart to the LORD, but alſo am a Meſſenger of Woe and Miſery to all the workers of Iniquity. J. P.

Here follows ſome Lines (which the LORD having made mee a Living witneſs of, are a true and faithful Teſtimony) I am alſo to Publiſh.

J. P.

AS I was ſinking down into the *Inviſible Life*, it lay hard upon mee to warn every one, and that in the pure Fear of the LORD, to return home with haſte unto Him, and to ceaſe from all men, who are but as the duſt of the Earth before His Mighty *Power*; which Power His Children dread to diſobey: What though thoſe People that have called themſelves by His Name, be come out, as it were, with Swords and Staves againſt Him, to betray the Innocent, and to raiſe up malitious, evil Reports againſt thoſe, who though in themſelves are feeble, yet have nothing in their eye but to follow His Leadings: Having many years agoe received the Truth in the love of it, and alſo in the Faith thereof, that it, and it only, was and is ſufficient to Lead and to Guide, and to preſerve out of all evil, all thoſe that diligently, and with a ſingle heart wait upon it; as we (the two Servants of the LORD) are Witneſſes, whom Hee hath joyned together; having firſt wholly redeemed us out of the love and the delight of all viſible things, and ſhewed largely to us the emptineſs and vanity of them all; then did He make of us Twain, One; which when we came to Publiſh, and that with ſimple innocent hearts, before the LORD, and many Witneſſes, then did many caſt out their floods of Oppoſition and Reviling, as if there were no GOD to behold their Words and Actions; yet in patience and innocency were we kept, even as Lambs dumb before the Shearer, and opened not our mouths in the leaſt to revile again: Saying, *O LORD, it's Thou that fully Juſtifies, it matters not who condemns*; and wee know Thee to be our Shield, and our exceeding great Reward. So in Thy Holy Awe, and Fear, are we made to declare, againſt all that tyrannical Power that would be Lord over the Conſcience of the leaſt Babe that knows Thee to be their Father, and to ſay, do but Thou lead, and wee are willing to follow Thee through both good and evil Report; for Thou haſt of a truth indear'd our Souls unto Thee, and to nothing elſe beſides Thee: Glad ſhould wee be to bear all in ſilence, and not to med-

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dle in any Caſe, if Thy Will were ſo: But the Righteous *Seed* is raiſed up, (that reſpects no People for their outward Forms of Religion, but bears witneſs againſt all unrighteouſneſs) in which to live are wee called; and every Soul that pants after it, and cannot live without it, ſhall enjoy it: The *Day* is come that the pure in heart ſees the LORD, and parts with all for His Sake, following Him through great Tribulation.

Oh! let the Souls of all that love Him, bow to none beſides Him: Even ſo let it be with all the upright in heart, ſaith His Servant

23d of the month call'd
November, 1671.

Mary Pennyman.

O Thou Righteous *Everlaſting Seed*! how haſt Thou been my Preſerver from my Infancy! I cannot forget how Thou haſt followed mee with Mercies, and multiplyed Thy Bleſſings upon mee. Now is Thy Reward felt for all Reproaches; Let none through unbelief depart from Thee, for Thou art certainly the ſame this Day to all that truſt in Thee, and love nothing in compariſon of Thee. Draw all Thine after Thee, to reſt in peace with Thee, as my Soul doth at this Day.

M. P.

The Day of tryal is come that no Hypocrite can paſs through.

The Fury of the ALMIGHTY is broken forth to trouble and torment all the double-hearted.

The evil Spies are diſcovered, that ſeek to weaken the Faith of thoſe that follow the Leadings of the Pure Spirit of Life, becauſe it leads not according to their Imaginations.

The ſubtilty and wiſdom of Man is rejected by the LORD, confuſion and darkneſs is come upon it.

Wee being call'd into the Countrey that day forty dayes after the Publication of our Marriage, at which time this following was writ.

NOW are forty dayes expired ſince the Waters began to ſwell, which ſwell'd ſo high, that they even over-flowed all Banks, ſo that I may ſay, as of old, *That all fleſh dyed that moved upon the Earth:* For as it was then (that none could be preſerv'd or kept alive to the LORD, but who were preſerv'd and kept alive in the ARK) ſo it is now: *Hee that can receive it, let him receive it.*

And now the DOVE having brought mee Glad-Tydings, that the Waters are ſomewhat abated, The ARK is to be opened, and the *Seed* of the *Righteous*, that was preſerved and kept therein, muſt now go forth and repleniſh the Earth, which hath for a long time been void, and as it were without form, ſo that the *Souls* of the *upright* have had little Pleaſure or Delight therein; but now is the *Day* of Glad-Tydings come, now is the *Day* of their true Joy witneſſed, now is the *Day* of their Singing at hand; now will the LORD alone be Exalted, yea, I ſay, Hee alone will be Exalted in this *Day*, wherein all the Wiſdom of the Wiſe is confounded (and will yet more abundantly) that know not Him *(or that meaſure of Himſelf which Hee hath given to every One)* to be their Guide and Leader: Wherefore be awakened all ye Sons and Daughters of Men (of what Profeſſion or Perſwaſion of Religion ſoever you are of) for this is a Viſitation from the LORD unto you; *happy are you that can, and that do receive it;* Yea, it is ſuch a Viſitation of His Love unto you, that I am to declare, and that in His Name and Authority, That your Forms of Religion, and out--

outward Worſhip (ſet up) is not at all [*this day*] acceptable to Him; ſo that every one that love your own Souls, and deſire to ſerve the LORD GOD only, muſt haſten out from amongſt them, and return to Him, and wait upon Him alone, that ſo you may not dare to Sacrifice or Worſhip Him, but as you witneſs Him to be your Guide and Leader: For as it was of old *(that all Sacrifices and Worſhips that were not offered and performed by His requiring, were abomination to Him)* ſo it is now: Hee that hath an ear to hear, let him hear; yea let him hear what the Spirit ſaith, for the Spirit ſpeaketh expreſly in this our Day, *That the Children of the LORD ſhall be taught of the LORD:* Wherefore come away you Sons and Daughters of the MOST HIGH, you that have long waited for this *Day*, wherein the SEED muſt be ſet at liberty from all Bonds, yea, I ſay, from all manner of Bonds: So that this is the *Meſſage* I am to declare to you at this time, That you ſet up no more Teachers without you, but that you hearken and obey the Teachings of the LORD GOD within you; for no longer will Hee be mocked: *but ſuch as you ſow, ſuch muſt you reap;* and if they be your Gods, then hearken and follow them; but if the LORD be your GOD, then hearken and follow Him: yet whatever you do, or whomſoever you will ſerve, this I have determined (as the Servant of the LORD did) that *I and my Houſe will ſerve the LORD GOD onely.*

And thus I am clear from the Blood of all Men, having faithfully Declar'd what the LORD hath required of mee; who am a true lover of All, without reſpect of Perſons, becauſe I am at perfect peace with the LORD.

F. P.

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Glad Tydings of great Joy is ſent abroad to all you who have kept the Faith, and not loved your lives unto death.

THE SEED is Raiſed, the CHILD is Born, wee have ſeen His appearance, and are called to worſhip Him in the Spirit and in the Truth, and cannot but rejoyce with an exceeding great Joy; for the Deaf hear, the Dumb ſpeak, the Lame walk, and to the Poor the Goſpel is Preached: Bleſſed are they that can receive it: But now do the wiſe Men ſeek to deſtroy the young Child's life, though with fair pretences, that They alſo would worſhip Him, yea they are exceeding wrath and would deſtroy, if poſſible, every motion of life that ſprings up purely in every true Thirſter after it; but the Voice is heard, *This is My Beloved Son, hear ye Him*; Glory is given to the LORD on High, and good-will is offered unto Men. Behold! this Manifeſtation is appointed for the Fall and Riſing again of many in this day, and for a Sign which ſhall be ſpoken againſt; But in THEE, in THEE is our Souls delight, who have longed to ſee Thy DAY break forth in its Glory, though many dayes wee have ſuffered with Thee in mourning and weeping, being ready to ſay, *They have taken away my LORD, and I know not where they have laid Him*; But now is the Joy received that none can take away. How can wee but call upon all to caſt off whatever would hinder, and to wait with all diligence to receive HIM, that none but the pure in heart can ſee, who by His quickening Power hath raiſed the Dead to Life: *Behold, it is come, and it is done, ſaith the LORD GOD, this is the Day whereof I have ſpoken.*

Here is the Patience of the Saints: Here are They that keep the Commandments of God, and the Faith of JESUS.

THE END.